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DUBLIN CASTLE,

*29th August*, 1912.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, a copy of the Eighth Report (with Appendices) of the Inspector for Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

L. C. DOWDALL,

The Inspector of Inebriate Retreats
and Certified Inebriate Reformatories,
Dublin Castle.

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# INEBRIATES ACTS.

## Report for the year 1911 on the Certified Reformatories and the Retreat established in Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900.

DUBLIN CASTLE,
*22nd August*, 1912.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN CAMPBELL, EARL OF ABERDEEN,
LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit this, the Eighth Annual Report, in pursuance of the provisions of the Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879, and the Inebriates Act, 1898.

### CERTIFIED INEBRIATE REFORMATORIES.

The Certified Reformatory at Wexford (St. Brigid's) for Roman Catholic females was found in good order and condition, and the patients therein appeared to be well treated on each occasion on which it was visited during the year. The members of the Religious Community by which it was established devote themselves assiduously to the welfare of the patients committed to their charge.

At the beginning of 1911 there were 22 patients on the Register of the institution, including one out on licence, and another in Prison. During the year 22 were admitted, 3 were discharged; and the case in Prison at the beginning of the year was transferred to the Ennis State Reformatory on the expiration of her sentence of imprisonment—leaving 40 on the Register at the end of the year, including one case out on licence and another in Prison, so that there were 38 in residence on the 31st December.

I am again obliged to report unfavourably regarding the accommodation provided in St. Patrick's Certified Reformatory, Waterford—the buildings being cheerless and sparsely furnished, while the space available for the employment and recreation of the inmates is altogether inadequate. I have, therefore, pointed out to the Religious Community by which it is managed the necessity for obtaining better and more commodious premises before the Reformatory can be deemed to reach a satisfactory standard.

At the beginning of the year there were 49 patients on the Register of the Institution, including 17 cases out on licence, and two in Prison, who were re-admitted in 1911. During the year 11 new cases were admitted; 20 were discharged; 1 was transferred to the Ennis State Reformatory; and 3 absconded—leaving 39 on the Register, including the 3 absconded cases, and 16 cases out on licence, so that there were 20 actually in residence at the end of the year 1911.

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The statistics relative to these Reformatories will be found in Appendix A, and the average cost of maintenance per patient in each during the year is shown in Appendix B.

### Inebriate Retreat.

The Lodge Inebriate Retreat, Belfast, continues to be maintained at the high standard referred to in previous reports, and the welfare of the inmates receives, as in the past, the most careful attention of the Hon. Secretary and the Matron.

The number for which it is now licensed is 14, and an increase has taken place in the numbers under treatment. At the beginning of 1911 there were 8 patients on the Register of the Institution. During the year 11 were admitted, and 8 were discharged—leaving 11 in residence on the 31st December.

Six of the discharges took place in due course, on the expiration of the terms for which the patients had agreed to remain; 1 patient was discharged owing to serious illness; and 1 owing to urgent private affairs.

Particulars relative to The Retreat and its inmates are given in Tabular form in Appendix C.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

THOMAS I. CONSIDINE.

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# APPENDIX A.

Containing Tables relative to Certified Inebriate Reformatories.

## TABLE I.

List of Certified Reformatories.

| Name and situation of Reformatory. | Date of Certificate. | Superintendent. | Medical Officer. | Person to whom Correspondence should be addressed. | Certified for the reception of | | Number of patients resident on 31st December, 1911. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Number | Sex. | |
| St. Patrick's, Waterford. | 23rd June, 1908. | Rev. Edward M'Guinness. | Alex. Ford, F.R.C.S., EDIN., L.R.C.P., EDIN. | The Superintendent, St. Patrick's Inebriate Reformatory, Hennessy's-road, Waterford. | 40 | Male. | 20 |
| St. Brigid's, Wexford. | 31st December, 1908. | The Superioress, Sisters of St. John of God, Wexford. | A. M. J. Halligan, L.R.C.P. & S.I | The Superintendent, St. Brigid's Inebriate Reformatory, Wexford. | 66 | Female | 38 |

## TABLE II.

A List showing the County Authorities which have made arrangements with existing Institutions for the reception of cases sent from Courts within their districts.

| County Authorities. | Institution. | County Authorities. | Institution. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Antrim County Council. | St. Patrick's Reformatory, Waterford. | Antrim County Council. | St. Brigid's Reformatory, Wexford. |
| Belfast County Borough Council. | | Belfast County Borough Council. | |
| Carlow County Council | | Carlow County Council. | |
| Clare do. | | Cavan do. | |
| Cork County Borough Council. | | Clare do. | |
| Cork County Council. | | Cork County Borough Council. | |
| Donegal do. | | Cork County Council. | |
| Dublin County Borough Council. | | Donegal do. | |
| Dublin County Council. | | Down do. | |
| Kerry do. | | Dublin County Borough Council. | |
| Kildare do. | | Dublin County Council. | |
| Kilkenny do. | | Galway do. | |
| King's do. | | Kerry do. | |
| Limerick County Borough Council. | | Kildare do. | |
| Limerick County Council. | | Kilkenny do. | |
| Louth do. | | King's do. | |
| Meath do. | | Limerick do. | |
| Monaghan do. | | Londonderry do. | |
| Queen's do. | | Louth do. | |
| Roscommon do. | | Meath do. | |
| Sligo do. | | Monaghan do. | |
| Tipperary (North Riding) do. | | Queen's do. | |
| Tipperary (South Riding) do. | | Roscommon do. | |
| Tyrone County Council | | Tipperary (North Riding) do. | |
| Waterford County Borough Council. | | Tipperary (South Riding) do. | |
| Waterford County Council. | | Tyrone County Council. | |
| Westmeath do. | | Waterford County Borough Council. | |
| Wexford do. | | Waterford County Council. | |
| Wicklow. do. | | Westmeath do. | |
| | | Wexford do. | |
| | | Wicklow do. | |

Note.—The numbers to be received are limited in some cases.

## TABLE III.

Showing the number of Persons admitted each year to certified Reformatories.

| Reformatory. | Under Section I. | | | | | | | | | | | | Under Section II. | | | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1906. | | 1907. | | 1908. | | 1909. | | 1910. | | 1911. | | 1906. | | 1907. | | 1908. | | 1909. | | 1910. | | 1911. | | |
| | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | |
| St. Patrick's, Waterford | – | – | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 9 | – | 18 | – | 25 | – | 34 | – | 20 | – | 11 | – | 118 |
| St. Brigid's, Wexford | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 6 | – | 3 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 16 | – | 19 | 44 |
| Totals .. .. | – | – | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 6 | – | 3 | 9 | – | 18 | – | 25 | – | 34 | – | 20 | 16 | 11 | 19 | 162 |

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# APPENDIX A.

## TABLE IV.

Details of Committals to Certified Reformatories (exclusive of transfers from other Reformatories) under Section I. of the Inebriates Act, 1898, during the year 1911.

| Number on Register. | Court. | Offence (in addition to Offence of Habitual Drunkenness). | Sentence. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Prison. | Reformatory. |
| 39 | Dublin City Quarter Sessions | Neglecting Children, | — | 1 year. |
| 40 | do | Unlawful Wounding, | — | 1 year. |
| 44 | do. | Assault and obstructing Police. | — | 1½ years. |

## TABLE V.

Details of Convictions each year under Section II. of the Inebriates Act, 1898.

| Year. | Found guilty of being a Habitual Drunkard, of having been at least three times convicted of drunkenness during the previous 12 months and on a subsequent offence of being | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | While drunk, guilty of disorderly behaviour | Found drunk in a public place. | Found drunk on licensed premises. | Found drunk in charge of a vehicle | Total. |
| 1906, ... ... | 1 | 8 | — | — | 9 |
| 1907, ... ... | 5 | 12 | 1 | — | 18 |
| 1908, ... ... | 5 | 20 | — | — | 25 |
| 1909, ... ... | 6 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 34 |
| 1910, ... ... | 8 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 36 |
| 1911, ... ... | 6 | 23 | 1 | — | 30 |
| Totals, ... | 31 | 114 | 4 | 3 | 152 |

## TABLE VI.

Details of the Ages of all Cases admitted each year to Certified Reformatories.

| Year. | Sex. | 16 Years and under 21. | 21 Years and under 30 | 30 Years and under 40. | 40 Years and under 50. | 50 Years and under 60. | 60 Years and upwards. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1906, | Males, ... | — | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | — | 9 |
| | Females, | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1907, | Males, ... | — | 1 | 6 | 6 | 6 | — | 19 |
| | Females, | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1908, | Males, .. | 1 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 25 |
| | Females, | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1909, | Males, ... | 1 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 34 |
| | Females, | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1910, | Males, ... | — | 7 | 8 | 2 | 3 | — | 20 |
| | Females, | — | 3 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 22 |
| 1911, | Males, ... | — | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| | Females, | — | 3 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 22 |
| Totals, | | 2 | 31 | 47 | 41 | 30 | 11 | 162 |

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# APPENDIX A.

## TABLE VII.

General Conduct of the Cases admitted each year to Certified Reformatories.

| Year | Number of persons who could be described as — | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Well-behaved. | Manageable | Troublesome | Very troublesome | Total. |
| 1906, ... ... | 8 | — | 1 | — | 9 |
| 1907, ... ... | 15 | 1 | 3 | — | 19 |
| 1908, ... ... | 23 | 1 | 1 | — | 25 |
| 1909, ... ... | 23 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 34 |
| 1910, ... ... | 27 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 42 |
| 1911, ... ... | 25 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 33 |
| Totals, ... | 121 | 16 | 16 | 9 | 162 |

## TABLE VIII.

Details as to Marriage of Patients admitted each year to Certified Reformatories.

| Year | Married. | Single | Widowed. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1906, ... ... ... | 2 | 7 | — | 9 |
| 1907, ... ... ... | 6 | 11 | 2 | 19 |
| 1908, ... ... ... | 5 | 18 | 2 | 25 |
| 1909, ... ... ... | 4 | 27 | 3 | 34 |
| 1910, ... ... ... | 20 | 15 | 7 | 42 |
| 1911, ... ... ... | 12 | 13 | 8 | 33 |
| Totals ... ... | 49 | 91 | 22 | 162 |

## TABLE IX.

### DETAILS AS TO EDUCATION.

Number of cases amongst Admissions each year to Certified Reformatories who could—

| Year. | Neither Read nor write. | Read and Write imperfectly. | Read and Write well. | Superior Education. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1906, ... ... | 2 | 5 | 2 | — | 9 |
| 1907, ... ... | 3 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 19 |
| 1908, ... ... | 10 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 25 |
| 1909, ... ... | 8 | 17 | 8 | 1 | 34 |
| 1910, ... ... | 12 | 7 | 22 | 1 | 42 |
| 1911, ... ... | 11 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 33 |
| Totals, ... | 46 | 46 | 61 | 9 | 162 |

## TABLE X.

Showing the number of Inmates sent each year from the Certified Reformatories to the State Inebriate Reformatory, Lunatic Asylums, and Prisons.

| Reformatory. | Transferred to State Inebriate Reformatory. | | | | | | Sent to Lunatic Asylums. | | | | | | Committed to Prison for serious breach of Regulations. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1907. | 1908. | 1909. | 1910. | 1911. | Total. | 1907. | 1908. | 1909 | 1910. | 1911 | Total. | 1907. | 1908. | 1909 | 1910. | 1911. | Total. |
| St. Patrick's, Waterford. | 1 | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | 7 | — | — | — | 3 | — | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| St. Brigid's, Wexford. | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total, ... | 1 | 3 | 2 | — | 2 | 8 | — | — | — | 3 | — | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 10 |

NOTE.—The number under all the headings for the year 1906, was *Nil.*



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# APPENDIX B.

Table showing annual and weekly maintenance rates per head for inmates of Certified Inebriate Reformatories, during the year 1911.

| Reformatory, ... ... ... .. | St. Brigid's, Wexford, | | | St. Patrick's, Waterford. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daily average number of Inmates under detention, | 31 | | | 23 | | |
| | £ s. d | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| (1) Reformatory Staff Expenses :— | | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages :— | | | | | | |
| Superior Officers (Superintendent, Medical Officer, and Chaplains), ... ... | 1 19 5 | | | 6 14 10 | | |
| Subordinate Officers, ... ... | 1 8 7 | | | 2 14 9 | | |
| Provisions, ... ... ... ... | 2 14 2 | | | 4 18 1 | | |
| Uniforms and Laundry, ... ... ... | 0 3 6 | | | 0 6 6 | | |
| | | 6 5 8 | | | 14 14 2 | |
| (2) Inmates' Expenses :— | | | | | | |
| Provisions, ... ... ... ... | 10 12 2 | | | 11 19 9 | | |
| Clothing and Laundry, ... ... ... | 6 14 10 | | | 2 14 4 | | |
| Medical Requisites Drugs, &c., ... ... | 0 7 7 | | | 0 4 7 | | |
| Allowances, Amusements, and Games, ... | 0 2 6 | | | 0 7 3 | | |
| Removal Expenses, ... ... ... | 0 5 3 | | | 2 3 1 | | |
| | | 18 2 4 | | | 17 9 0 | |
| (3) General Expenses :— | | | | | | |
| Fire, Light, and Water, ... ... ... | 3 3 1 | | | 3 0 3 | | |
| Household Stores, ... ... ... | — | | | 1 0 3 | | |
| Furniture and Fittings (Repairs and Replacements), ... ... ... ... | 0 3 8 | | | 0 7 2 | | |
| Ordinary Repairs to Buildings, . .. | — | | | 0 3 1 | | |
| Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ... ... | 0 0 9 | | | 0 1 6 | | |
| | | 3 7 6 | | | 4 12 3 | |
| (4) Management Expenses :— | | | | | | |
| Salaries (Clerks, &c.), ... ... ... | — | | | — | | |
| Managers' and Officers' Travelling Expenses, | — | | | 1 10 10 | | |
| Printing, Stationery, and Advertisements, ... | 0 3 11 | | | 0 7 1 | | |
| Telegrams, Stamps, and Cheque Books, ... | 0 5 4 | | | 0 6 4 | | |
| Legal Expenses and Bank Charges, ... | — | | | — | | |
| | | 0 9 3 | | | 2 4 3 | |
| Total Maintenance Expenditure per head per annum, ... ... ... ... | — | 28 4 9 | | — | 38 19 8 | |
| Equivalent Weekly Rate per Inmate, ... | — | 0 10 10 | | — | 0 15 0 | |

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# APPENDIX C.

Tables relative to Retreat established and licensed under the Inebriates Acts, 1879–1900.

## TABLE I.

Particulars of Retreat, and Patients admitted thereto, during each Year since 1903.

| Year. | Number of Retreats Licensed. | Number of Beds available for Patients under the Acts. | Number of Patients admitted under the Acts | | | Number of Patients admitted privately (not under the Acts) | | | Total number of Patients treated in Licensed Institution during each year. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | |
| 1903. ... ... | 1 | 14* | — | 6 | 6 | — | — | — | 6 |
| 1904, ... ... | 1 | 14* | — | 19 | 19 | — | — | — | 19 |
| 1905, ... ... | 1 | 14 | — | 15 | 15 | — | — | — | 15 |
| 1906. ... ... | 1 | 14 | — | 12 | 12 | — | — | — | 12 |
| 1907 ... ... | 1 | 16 | — | 13 | 13 | — | — | — | 13 |
| 1908, ... ... | 1 | 16 | — | 8 | 8 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 1909. ... ... | 1 | 16 | — | 9 | 9 | — | — | — | 9 |
| 1910, ... ... | 1 | 12 | — | 8 | 8 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 1911, ... ... | 1 | 14 | — | 11 | 11 | — | — | — | 11 |

* Licensed for 15.

## TABLE II.

Particulars of Retreat under Licence, and Patients admitted thereto, during the Year, 1911.

| Name and situation. | Name of Licensee. | Date of Licence or Renewal of Licence. | Number for which licensed. | Patients under the Acts. | | | | | | Total accommodation provided under the Acts and otherwise. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Sex. | Number remaining on 31st December, 1910. | Number admitted during the year 1911 | Number discharged during the year 1911. | Deaths during the year 1911. | Number remaining on 31st December, 1911. | |
| The Lodge, Irwin Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast | Miss Rachel Clarke, | 1st November, 1911. | 14 | Female | 8 | 11 | 8 | — | 11 | 14 |

## TABLE III.

Number of "Private Patients" admitted to Licensed Retreat during the Year 1911.

| Name of Retreat. | Number under Treatment 31st December, 1910. | Number Admitted during the year 1911 | Number Discharged during the year 1911 | Deaths during the year 1911. | Number Remaining 31st December, 1911. | Average Term of Residence of all Private Patients. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Lodge, Irwin Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

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# APPENDIX C.

## TABLE IV.

Showing an Analysis of the Periods for which Patients entered Retreat under the Acts each year since 1903.

| Year | 2 Years. | 21 Months. | 18 Months. | 15 Months. | 12 Months. | 10 Months. | 9 Months. | 6 Months. | 5 Months. | 4 Months. | 3 Months and less | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1903, ... | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 3 | — | — | *1 | 6 |
| 1904, ... | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 16 | — | — | — | 19 |
| 1905, ... | 1 | — | — | — | 7 | — | — | 7 | — | — | — | 15 |
| 1906, ... | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 9 | — | — | — | 12 |
| 1907, ... | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | 13 |
| 1908, ... | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 7 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 1909, ... | 2 | — | — | — | 4 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | 9 |
| 1910, ... | 1 | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 1911, ... | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | 11 |
| Total, ... | 4 | — | — | — | 33 | — | — | 63 | — | — | 1 | 101 |

* Exceptional case.

## TABLE V.

Particulars concerning Patients under the Acts Discharged from Retreat during the Year 1911.

| How Discharged. | Remarks | Number. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Efflux of Time, .. ... | — | — | 6 |
| Under Section 15, ... | (By order of the Lord Lieutenant), ... ... | — | — |
| Do. 18, ... | (By order of a Judge in Chambers), ... ... | — | — |
| Do. 12, ... | (By order of a Justice on the request of the Licensee of the Retreat). | | |
| | Urgent private affairs requiring patient's presence elsewhere ... ... ... ... | 1 | — |
| | Refractory conduct, rendering continued residence detrimental to the interest of other patients and to the general welfare of the Retreat, ... | — | — |
| | Ill health rendering further detention inadvisable, | 1 | 2 |
| | Total discharged, ... ... ... | — | 8 |

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